

REMARKS

In response to a Notification of Defective Response dated September 25, 2002 issued in the instant application, Applicants filed with Box PCT on November 27, 2002, *via* Express Mail, a diskette containing a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing, a hard (paper copy) of the Sequence Listing, and a Preliminary Amendment, along with a Petition for a one-month extension of time.

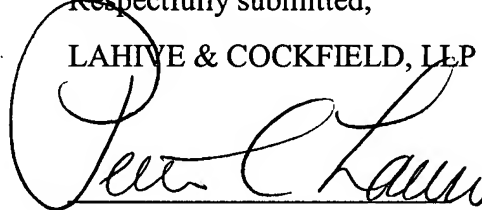
Through inadvertence, the diskette containing the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing was mistakenly filed with Box PCT instead of Box Sequence, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202. Upon discovering the error, the undersigned telephoned Ms. Paula Kidwell of the U.S. Receiving Office, on December 2, 2002, to determine if the diskette had been received by the Patent Office in undamaged form. On December 4, 2002, Ms. Kidwell contacted the undersigned to advise him that it would be necessary to resubmit the diskette.

Accordingly, Applicants are filing **with Box Sequence, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202**, on even date herewith, a replacement diskette containing a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing, and a transmittal letter for the diskette containing the statements required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 and 1.824. (Copies of the documents submitted to Box Sequence are enclosed). Applicants have also amended the specification herein to direct entry of the Sequence Listing into the instant application.

If there are any problems, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter C. Lauro", is written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure (duplicate hard copy of the Sequence Listing filed on November 27, 2002; and
copies of documents submitted on even date to Box Sequence)